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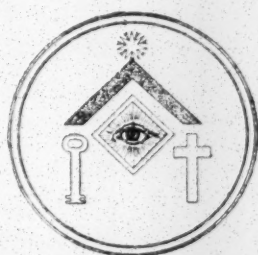
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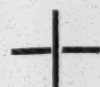
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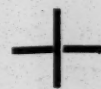
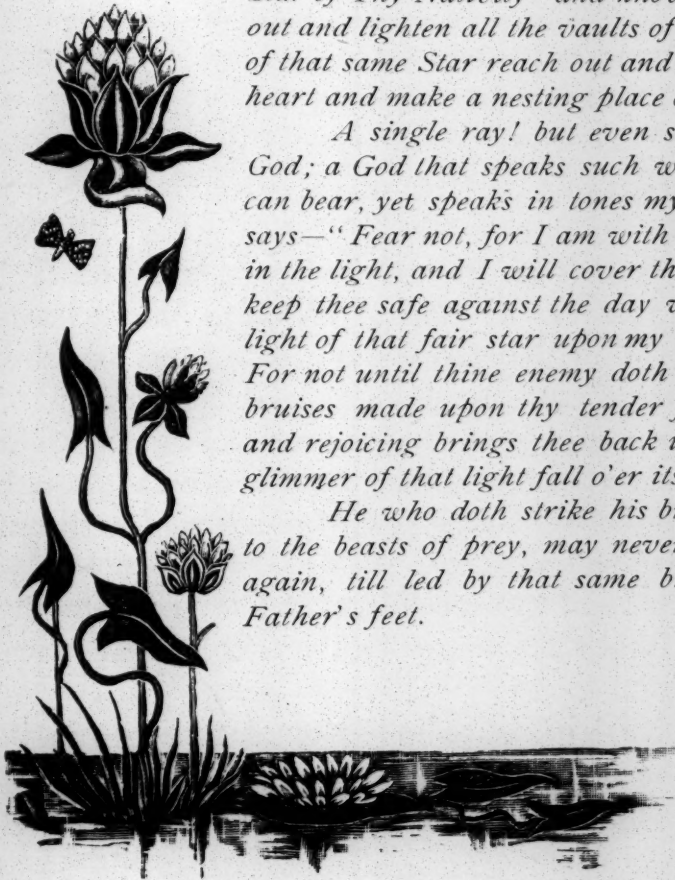
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## LEX TALIONIS.

"An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

This great law has never been abrogated, and we still pray,

"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

Forgiveness alone begets forgiveness.

In some form you must render the eye and the tooth, even if it be but the relinquishment of your just claim to the eye and the tooth of another.

The law still lives; thank God you and I are not executioners.

Who hath made us judges between men?

Like all true laws, but it is not ours to interfere with our neighbor's harvest.

"Vengeance is Mine; I will repay," saith the Lord.

—ERNEST CROSBY.

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FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP.

PRAYER.

Reach down, lost soul though thou be, beneath the trough of who deniest the source of thy life, thou who hast forgotten thine ancestry, thou who hast flung thy younger brother into the pit thine own desire hath dug, and filched from him his heritage for thine own glory. Thou who hast made a playground of thy Father's heart, and watered the seeds of thine own decay with thy Mother's tears.

Thou who thinkest there is no eye of God to see the bastard forms thou hast created; no ear of God to hear the blasphemous ribaldry with which thou hast polluted the air thou must breathe.

Reach down, lost soul though thou be, beneath the trough of the rolling wave of thine earthly passion, and search for the light of the Christ which even yet shines in thee. Make a path through that wave by Faith, that the light may pass through to search out thine heart, and—fall on thy knees!

To him who saith to thee, "There is no God to listen to thy mouthings," do thou as I bid thee, fling back the foul lie in his face, for lie it is.

No soul hath ever lifted its voice in prayer for succor in its hour of peril that hath been turned back upon itself.

The foulest wrong one soul may do unto another is to rob it of its faith in God.

Pray unceasingly, but not as one without hope. Pray *in praise*,



in *certainty* that there are ears to hear, e'en though they be not molded on the pattern of thine own, e'en though the answer to thy prayer doth tarry till the water from the well of life hath overflowed its rim and once more filled the shrunken tissues of thy soul, and washed away all stain of sin, that so the fiery streams of Love Divine now held in leash by that one Christly gleam within thy soul, may egress find to utterly destroy all that lies between thy God and thee, between thee and the Ocean of all Life.

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### FROM THE MASTER.

GIVEN FEBRUARY 1, 1900.

In commenting upon the Instruction entitled "The Mysteries of Space," the Master said:

"The truth herein stated will take its place among the scientific facts at the end of the cycle, not before. I mean the one hundred year cycle which has just begun. The ether of the occultist is now recognized by science, or rather is used as a hypothesis upon which to build its theories of etheric or astral phenomena. In the same way will science claim something else that will demonstrate the truth of other things I have now said. Great earthquakes will unveil many of the hidden things of this globe before many years, and these discoveries will nullify much that science now claims to be truth. These earthquakes will occur at different points of the earth. Some of them will take place in this state, others at other points of the country.

"We have long been holding back the forces that are making for the uncovering of a secret path across the ocean, or rather underneath the ocean. The time is fast coming when we shall no longer be able to hold back these powers, for cyclic reasons. The path will be found, but when it is found its discovery will only be useful to demonstrate the truth of what I have now told you; because, knowing that this must take place, we are now engaged in building a roundabout way which will answer all purposes for us, and still leave the old path where it may be found.\*

"It takes about a half hour of your time for us to pass from one continent to another, but you must remember that we use a form of energy of which you are not yet conscious."

[\*Without working injury to those who have hitherto depended upon it for rapid travel.]

GIVEN JANUARY 7, 1907.

"Every ruling aspect of a hierarchy, every individual who is in any sense a part of that ruling aspect, meet with, from those who are lineally beneath it, its opposite pole—revolt—in the hearts of the latter; I mean by this that every individual who is in any sense in a ruling position (no matter how tender hearted he may be in reality, no matter how deeply he may crave the love and appreciation of those brothers and sisters, no matter how kindly he may feel toward all the world), awakens in every individual who is in any sense beneath him in the Cosmic scale, a vibration of fear, hatred or rebellion. For this reason he is of all people to be pitied, for he is seldom understood. If you trace back the history of every great king, ruler, president, or all officials in high authority, you will almost invariably find that though they may be feared and obeyed, they are seldom loved by those who are subject to them, and this rule holds good, up through higher ranks of life, as well as through lower.

"In many cases you will find that one, or at most two, sincere, earnest friends or lovers, are all that these could claim for their own, amidst the myriads by which they were surrounded. This is due partially to a cause not known to many. The cause is set up with the beginning of the evolution of matter. A single cell is the beginning of all organic forms of matter. That cell separates and forms others, either by budding, extension or division, and final aggregation of atoms. In every instance there is first manifested within the single cell, the action of an expulsive force, and this action of the force of expulsion is by its very nature positive and arbitrary in action, and must inevitably arouse in other cells, even if hitherto latent, a negative force of opposition to the ruling cell.

"I call your attention to this for more than one reason."

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### MOTHER OF THE CHRIST-CHILD.

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One of life's great mysteries is partially solved when in deep concentration on any absorbing subject, and so released from thrall, a human being realizes the underlying unity of all things. For the lines, physical and mental, built up by life's experiences, fall away one by one in concentration until all sense of outer things is lost and the consciousness and the idea concentrated upon is all of



existence for the time being. The Ego—the thinker—and the thought, fill all space, and time is obliterated from consciousness.

As each normal human being may have the same experience, it follows that there must be some state of consciousness where inseparableness reigns; that state which is only comparable to space, where all things move and are.

It is essential to a perfect understanding, that the fundamental truths underlying the above mentioned statement be accepted, otherwise the new light which I desire to throw upon a subject which has awakened profound thought, suspicion, and contempt in many minds of different calibre, would only add to a seeming jumble of impossible or insane conclusions in regard to what now, under the patronage of science, has become a subject of world-wide recognition and would not be seriously considered. Yet it is a subject of the most vital importance to every thinker. I refer to the subject of the occult sciences, and more particularly to one phase or aspect of one such science, namely, the apparent impossibility of accepting seriously the countless claims of divine guidance and bestowal of authority and supremacy made by many different persons in as many parts of the world. Women who claim to be the mothers or prospective mothers of a Christ-child, men and women who claim to be reincarnations of Jesus, administrators of his commands, or vehicles for the transmission of his life forces. The fact that there could by any possibility be any truth in these claims worthy of investigation is laughed to scorn by the unbelievers, and accepted slavishly by the followers of the claimant. Yet there is an underlying truth, a basic reality to many such claims; beautiful past telling, to many listeners, and important to all.

To every true Seer or astral visitant there are visions granted, sounds and speech heard, that far surpass in beauty and grandeur anything imaginable by the less gifted, as well as sights and sounds which exceed in unspeakable horror anything to be seen or heard under other conditions. Those same experiences, sights and sounds, beautiful or horrible, are as open to the interior senses of every other man or woman who has consciously or unconsciously developed one particular organ in the brain, as they are or may be to the Seer. There seems to be a false idea prevalent even among Psychics that there must be a *new* scene or sound to every new observer of astral phenomena.

As the interior planes of life are contacted, one becomes more and more enlightened as to the unity of all consciousness on those

planes. The identity of the individual is not lost, yet the soul is identified in some mysterious manner and degree with the identity of every individual or object seen: for instance, in gazing at a beautiful astral flower, one becomes identified with the flower and knows all about it, how it came into life, and what it is or will be in the future. In communication with others one realizes that the term "I" or "you" does not refer to I or you, individually. Consequently, when these terms are used, either in direct communications from higher entities, or accidentally heard, as it were, (as in sleep), if one is not familiar with the fundamental truth before mentioned, there is no alternative to the belief that he or she is individually indicated or intimately concerned with any direct promise or statement regarding such a momentous subject, as for example, the birth of a Christ-child or the bestowal of some great dignity. Of course this fact will be disputed by the supposed mothers of such children, and such supposed dignitaries, for there is an underlying desire for personal recognition, and a love of power in the heart of every normal human being, and all seeming fulfilments of such desires die a hard death. However, I am quite sure every true occultist will agree with me.

Jesus himself said, "I will come again." The Book of Revelations is full of promises to the believer and threats against the "lost"—the unbeliever. With the mental picture already painted in the mind by familiarity with those several promises or threats, and the apparent visualizing or auditory confirmation of the same, if one is to "believe her or his own eyes and ears" what is there left but literal acceptance for the average psychic, and once accepted, pure human longing and natural egotism will bind one of either sex irrevocably to such beliefs. Owing to the before noted great fundamental truth back of all illusions of this character, it is not surprising that any woman might accept a universal for an individual promise, for when all is said every woman who bears a child does indeed give birth to a Christ-child.

Jesus said, "I and the Father are One." "I in Thee, and thou in me, that we may be made perfect in One," and to whatever extent such a child partakes of the nature of Christ, it is a Christ-child: and whether it be consciously or unconsciously, such a prospective mother knows in her heart that she is bearing "a Christ-child."

Every man knows in his soul that he has been or ought to have been, born to be a leader, a wise teacher, scientist or some other noteworthy individual. Seeing or hearing what is to him astral



corroborative sight or speech, wild animals could not tear from him his belief in the blindness of those who do not accept his estimate of himself.

This all being true, can we not have a little more patience with what we believe to be vagaries or frauds; be willing to accept the fact of the possible vision or hearing of the seer, and strive to realize that the great longing Mother-heart of the world is eternally bringing back to earth a Saviour of the people, a leader of the nations. It does not matter *how* he comes, so he arrives on the present scene of desolation. The need is great enough, and the need of man is supplied by God when that need reaches its greatest height, whatever that need may be.

It makes no difference who or what may be the woman that Karmic law designates for the vehicle to bring a great soul—an Avatar—to the physical plane. The fact that so much obscurity surrounds the birth of Jesus, and that it has been left possible to cast unworthy reflections upon the character of the Mother of Jesus and his most intimate woman friend, Mary Magdalene, should open the eyes of Christians to one very important fact. If it were essential to the incarnation of a great soul that the vehicle of his manifestation should be what is termed a sexually pure woman, the Masters of the White Lodge would have long since made that fact indisputable. In the case of Jesus their silence proves that too much emphasis on such an hypothesis is not advisable. Karmic law—the law of cosmical succession—would determine such an honor before all else. I mention this point to emphasize my former statement, that it is of little consequence *how* or through whom the next great Avatar comes to the physical plane. The only point that is essential is that of his finally reaching that plane. But God forbid that any poor self-deceived woman should make that statement the basis of belief in license for a sexual impurity. No words of mine can tell the extent of evil already done by ignorant or depraved men and women who use the limited knowledge they possess of such cosmic truths for the degradation of their fellow men and women. No ordinary man or woman of the present age could determine the possibility of creating a vehicle for the incarnation of an Avatar. The knowledge of such possibility in the case of any woman is only obtainable and could only be imparted by an Initiate of much higher degree than those who contact the average avenues of life, and then only in the intervals between the passing of one Messianic cycle and the beginning of another. But all women should look forward to forming the sus-

tenance, the spiritual food for incarnating Egos of this age, for it is only the feminine aspect of life that has the power to do so, and to whatever extent they do this, they MOTHER the Christ-child.



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### WONDERS OF THE BODY.

Man is the acme of the world—the masterpiece of time. In all the world there is no mechanical device which is not found in the human body. The pulley, the lever, the inclined plane, the hinge, the scissors, the grindstone, the “universal” joints, valves, philters, trap door, a bellows, a pump, a camera—each of these mechanical devices invented by man is merely a repetition of some part of his own body.

No waterway on earth is as perfect in design, as commodious or as populous as that great thoroughfare of the body, the blood stream. No sewerage system known to man begins to equal the ingenious methods by which the body disposes of its waste. The irrigation plants of which we are so proud are crude and simple in comparison with the great tubular system by which the digested food is conveyed into the blood.

The violin, the æolian harp, the organ—these and many other musical instruments are constructed upon principles utilized in the human body. The electric telegraph is amusingly crude compared to the nervous system of man. And even Marconi with his wireless telegraphy is merely copying the action of the individual cells of his own wonderful brain and nerve.

The far-off human, or subtler human, being, more ingenious than his fellows, was utilizing a device now known to engineers as a lever of the first class. In the strictest sense, man is the mechanical microcosm of the universe.—From *The Circle*.



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## EDITORIAL MIRROR.

"A man with his eyes on the ground bumps his head; a man with his nose always in the air stubs his toe."



"We love characters in proportion as they are impulsive and spontaneous. The less a man thinks or knows (or *talks*) about his virtues, the better we like him."—*Emerson*.



"Society gains nothing while a man not himself renovated, attempts to renovate things around him; he has become tediously good in some particulars, but narrow in the rest; and hypocrisy and vanity are often the disgusting result."—*Emerson*.



"Everything in nature is bipolar, or has a positive and negative pole. There is a male and female, a spirit and a fact, a north and a south. Spirit is the positive, the event is the negative. Will is the north, action is the south pole. Character may be ranked as having its natural place in the north. It shows the magnetic currents of the system. The feeble souls are drawn to the south or negative pole. They look at the profit or hurt of the action. They never behold a principle until it is lodged in a person. They do not wish to be lovely, but to be loved. This class of character like to hear of faults. The other class do not like to hear of faults; they worship events; secure to them a fact, a connection, a certain chain of circumstances, and they will ask no more. The hero sees that the event is secondary: it must follow him."—*Emerson*.



As with things mental, moral and physical, so with things psychic—even more so, for the psychic forces bend more easily to the will and desires. "Beware the dangers of the lower Iddis" (psychic faculties), has been an aphorism from time immemorial with all true teachers of the occult.

Even to talk of psychic experiences is dangerous—and may come from or result in vanity. Temple members have been enjoined not to speak promiscuously of their psychic experiences. Such belong to the inner nature and should not be dragged into the lower courts of the outer self.



Too often what passes for psychic experiences are merely *thought forms* and fancies sensed as images in the mental sphere. Such experiences entangle in a deceptive glamour and often lead one from one degree of foolishness to another until disillusioned by hard experience. Testing all experiences with reason and in the light of the bulls-eye of common sense is the only way to keep the soul and mind in equilibrium. And equilibrium between mind and soul is Yoga.



In view of the terrible catastrophe in Southern Italy, members would do well to read over in Temple literature and teachings, all that has been predicted in regard to such disturbances with the earth—which is now passing through such a critical period in its evolutionary career.

In the last chapter in the first Book of Teachings the matter is well summed up. That instruction was given ten years ago. How significant the following sentences in that chapter in view of what the past ten years have brought forth: "The forces awakened are those that have never before been called into being. They are the accumulations of the ages that have held back until now, but they can be held back no longer. \* \* \* If the people will hear and obey it is not too late; but if they turn away there is nothing that can save them. Never in the history of the planet have things spiritually been at such a low ebb. The cries going up to heaven would indeed make the angels weep. \* \* \* And still the people go on like those of the olden cities, dancing, singing, making merry while the stars are gathering their forces to destroy that world."

W. H. D.

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### RHYTHM.

"The Eternal Parent, wrapped in her ever-invisible robes had slumbered once again for seven eternities."

"Where was Silence, where the ears to sense it? No, there was neither Silence nor Sound, naught save ceaseless, Eternal Breath."

"Ceaseless Eternal Breath. That indescribable state in which



the interaction of all Forces is true—is perfect—in other words—that which is *Rhythm*."

Rhythm, the synthesized "Symphony of Life"—Rhythm the Essence of the "Music of the Spheres." This is the One Reality *from* which, *to* which, and *in* which all life *is*. At the heart of every manifested thing is Rhythm, and the more this is sensed—the more is known of God.

How shall this Rhythm be known—how found? First by listening to the "Call of God," sounded at the heart of every "Little One of God"; then by search, following the glimpse of the Grail we have caught by listening—always listening, always searching until the work is finished and we become "One with All Rhythm."

Hear what a poet has sensed of this truth:

"There's music in the sighing of a reed,  
There's music in the gushing of a rill,  
There's music in all things, if men had ears,  
The Earth is but an echo of the Spheres."

Another Seer of the Real says:

"We have not heard the music of the Spheres,  
The song of star to star—but there *are* sounds  
That nature uses in her common rounds;  
The fall of streams, the cry of winds that strain the oak,  
The roaring of the sea's surge,  
The might of thunder breaking off afar;  
Or rain that falls by moments in the summer's night.  
These are the voices of Earth's Secret Soul  
Uttering the mystery from which she came,"  
This Mystery!—The All Rhythm!

Music is not true music unless it awakens in us a greater consciousness, a greater realization of this Rhythm. We shall not limit our idea of music, we shall not say a person is not musical because he does not play an instrument or sing a song.

True music is Perfect Rhythm, and is Threefold.

First. Spirit of Music—the Reality, the Grail itself—which is the *promise* of ultimate Victory and is seen by Faith, in other words "Ye shall first become as a little child."

Second. Soul of Music—the *realization* of this All Rhythm, more and more by listening to the "Call of God" heard by Faith. The more that is realized the more we *become* God. The soul of music reaches one hand to the Source of all and the other hand gives of its treasures, and so it grows.

Third. The Body of music is its expression on this plane. This body shall be flexible to be responsive to the ever-growing soul.

We shall recognize that this body of music *is free* and then shall it respond to every breath of Soul. a

In looking over the records of music as we now know it, we find we are as creed bound in music as in many other ways. Until that condition is changed throughout the world, a truer music *cannot be!* It is part of the work of the cycle to form a truer vehicle for musical expression and the first step is a recognition of our present bondage and a *freeing from all musical dogma.*

Why was Wagner great? Because he realized this fact, and chose to make for himself no reputation among so-called musicians, that he might try to break in pieces the crystalized form music had assumed. The result is that today his work is recognized as true and his message rings out clear and strong to all who will hear.

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## CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

### ***Temple Builders—Lesson 59***

#### A BIRD'S NEST.

Underneath my office window in the city of W——— was a large flat board sign with quite a space between it and the side of the building. I noticed for about ten days two little brown birds fluttering about with a twittering little song, and carrying in their mouths straws and small twigs. They would often sit on the wires running by the windows and look sideways at me as if they were asking if I could possibly imagine what they were doing. Finally stimulated by curiosity, I leaned out of the side bay window to see if I could locate the nest; but lo! nothing at all was under the sign. I then concluded there must be an opening



somewhere out of sight where they went under the boards to make their nest.

One day not long after, as I was passing on the street under the window, I looked up just in time to see both little birds fly under the board with straws in their mouths, when, down came the straws at my feet, and here on the sidewalk lay dozens of similar straws.

Glancing up again I saw the birds come out from behind the board and look around with a chirp, as if saying, "What *does* become of them?" Then I could understand how it was that for so many days they had been bringing straws to that place without accomplishing anything, for there was not width enough to the wooden moulding to allow the straws to lodge. I wondered if any of us "humans" would be as patient and persevering as they were.

When I went to my office I took a small piece of board and fitted it to the place where they were so anxious to build. After twenty-four hours I ventured to take a peep at their workshop, and was astonished to see how they had taken advantage of the help I had given them, for they had completely filled the space with straws and hollowed out the cutest little nest you ever could imagine.

I thought I would better not seem too much interested lest they might think I was intruding on their privacy. I saw the dear little homebuilder bringing her mouthful of feathers to line the house for its future inmates, and if I was near the window she would sit on the wires and look at me until I withdrew behind the lace curtains, before she would venture to fly into her nest, lest I might discover where she was "going to housekeeping." The building faced the west, and on many hot afternoons in the following two weeks, I saw her come out of her house and sit panting with the heat, but never staying long away from the little eggs.

Finally a great commotion arose; great twitters and small twitters, were heard from morning till night, and instead of straws and feathers, the mother bird was constantly bringing worms and other food to the little nestlings who in their early stages seem to be all mouth.

In time the nourishment had its proper effect, and the invitations of the old birds to the young ones to venture out of the nest were sweet to listen to; one by one they peeped out of their door, some making a grand success in reaching the wires so near; but one poor little weakling fluttered to the sidewalk, and then what

a time there was in birdland. All the birds within hearing came in answer to the mother's call of distress and joined in the din, all talking at once, like the rest of us, but still powerless to help the frightened one back to its home.

But He "who notes the sparrow's fall," worked through a kind-hearted boy, with the result that he carefully picked up the bird and placed it where it could reach the nest, to gather strength for another trial. Who can measure the gratitude of that mother's heart as she flew to comfort and encourage her frightened little darling.

In time with many twitters of encouragement all were able to fly away, to enjoy the long summer days in the bright green trees, and to repeat the process with families of their own.

But this story has a sequel, like many others. When summer days were over, and the rain began to fall, I noticed quite a number of birds flying about the window, and disappearing very suddenly, so I investigated and found not only one family, but a whole flock of little brown birds snugly stowed away under the board amid the remains of the house which was builded in the spring. They were talking among themselves, and it was not very hard to translate what they said into good United States language, for it ran something like this. "How nice it is that we became acquainted with that lovely family of Brown's, who brought us to their ancestral home, where we can escape the terrible rain which wets us so, and makes us look like the common families down on the street. We shall certainly take up our abode with these people, and make a delightful house party for the winter." Which they did.

OLIVE VERNE RICH.

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#### TEMPLE HOME ASSOCIATION NOTES.

Beginning with the first of this year a radical and new departure has taken place in the industrial phases of the T. H. A. work. Instead of the Departments existing as last year with the T. H. A. as the central body financing and being responsible for all departments, this year the various departments have been taken by different workers or groups of workers on a plan similar to a rental basis, but which more strictly is an assessment basis, that is, each department is assessed so much per year by the T. H. A., which assessment or rental will be paid monthly or otherwise according to the agreement, and then each department handles its



own business exclusively, simply rendering to the T. H. A. monthly the assessment agreed upon. This assessment is fixed by the T. H. A. to each department so as to cover somewhat more than the total expense the T. H. A. will be put to during the year to pay the capital expenses of that department such as taxes, repairs, insurance, interest, etc. From this it will be seen that the T. H. A. is bound to come out whole, it takes no risks and makes it impossible for any one or more departments to involve it in debt in case of their failure. In other words, under this plan, the T. H. A. cannot become involved or run any risk of failure. Capital money, as from sales of certificate, land, etc., can at once be used to pay off mortgage or other debts, buy new lands, etc., etc. Each department stands on its own merits. Under this plan it is expected that all branches of service will be expedited and the relations of all involved be more harmonious in every way. Fundamental co-operation is not interfered with under this new plan. The new plan is the line of least resistance and wisest any way at this stage of the work.

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Four acres of the Orchard land has been sold recently, making it possible to pay off the \$1,000 mortgage against a portion of the beach land, leaving that tract free and clear of all debt. This transaction also relieves the T. H. A. of paying interest on a principal of \$2,500, surely a gratifying indication of progress along right lines.

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### TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES.

Brother J. H. Bone of San Jose spent a few days during the past month at Headquarters.

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Heavy rainfall followed by floods wrought much havoc in the Arroyo Grande Valley during the month of January. The creek burst its bounds and flowed into Oceano. The lower part of the town was inundated—three feet of water in the stores and dwelling at that point doing much damage. No building or property of the Temple or T. H. A. was damaged however. Much damage was done along the creek course to the bottom lands especially near the town of Arroyo Grande. Acres of fine land were washed away, practically ruining many ranches. Buildings, barns, etc., had

to be quickly moved to keep them from being swept away by the flood which the creek had become.

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### **In Memoriam.**

Brother Olaf Paues departed this sphere of activity on November 28th, 1908, after an illness, the acute stage of which only lasted ten days, though it was the culmination of an ailment which had afflicted him for years. Mr. Paues joined the Temple in the early days at Syracuse, N. Y., in 1902, shortly after his arrival in this country from Sweden. After the removal of Headquarters to the Pacific Coast he also came west as far as Chicago, thence to El Paso, and about a year ago to Los Angeles. In May last Brother Paues came to Halcyon and was assigned to work mainly in the farming department.

In the time that this brother was at the Centre as an active worker, he proved himself one of the Old Guard of Warriors standing faithfully and loyally under all tests and conditions, also endearing himself to all who came to know him.

Mr. Paues was born in the northern part of Sweden, where his relatives still live.

The funeral was held under Temple rites and services. The burial was on the Cemetery plot of T. H. A. land set aside for such purposes.



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